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## Rumsfeld hits home at Pentagon town hall

By Linda D. Kozaryn  
American Forces Press Service

Donald H. Rumsfeld says what he thinks, and military people at the Pentagon like what he has to say. That was evident on March 7 when the defense secretary hosted a town hall meeting at the Pentagon.



Rumsfeld

A couple of hundred service members, defense civilians, contractors, and even a high school student, accepted Rumsfeld's invitation to meet with him in the Pentagon auditorium.

How long would the fighting last in Afghanistan? What about U.S. aid for Colombia? What about the situation in the Middle East? Rumsfeld replied to each query candidly and with his now characteristic aplomb and humor.

### On War

When a young woman identified herself as a student, Rumsfeld asked, "Of what?" Replying that she was a high school student, the secretary chuckled and asked, "How did you get in?" To which she cheerily replied, "Never mind," drawing loud laughter from the spit and polish military audience.

Explaining that one of her teachers claims the country is not 'at war,' the student asked Rumsfeld how he'd respond to that. "Are we at war and how is that measured?" the young woman asked.

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## Combat medics ...



Photo by Edward Rivera

## ... battle for badge

▲ Brig. Gen. Daniel Perugini, commander, Brooke Army Medical Center pins the Expert Field Medical Badge on 1st Lt. Travis L. Hedman, BAMC Physical Medicine Department, March 6 at Camp Bullis. Travis along with 34 other soldiers earned the coveted badge in a grueling week-long competition. For more information on the EFMB see Page 18.

## Soldiers killed in Operation Anaconda identified

Army News Service

The Army Special Operations Command has released the names of the four soldiers killed in action March 4 while fighting Al Qaeda and Taliban holdouts in the mountains south of the Afghan town of Gardez.

Three of the soldiers were members of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment based out of Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. They are Sgt. Bradely S. Crose, 27, from Orange Park, Fla.; Spc. Marc A. Anderson, 30, Brandon, Fla.; and Pfc. Matthew A. Commons, 21, Boulder City, Nev.

Second Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, out of Fort Campbell, Ky., lost Sgt. Philip J. Svitak, 31, Joplin, Mo.

Initial reports erroneously identified seven

soldiers as being killed March 4. While seven servicemen were killed, three were from other services.

The four soldiers and two Air Force servicemen were killed shortly after their MH-47 helicopter, part of a two-helicopter sortie, landed and they disembarked under direct enemy fire.

A Navy SEAL was also killed in action in a separate helicopter incident March 4.

The Department of Defense released the name of the first soldier to die as part of Operation Anaconda March 4. Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, 34, Wade, N.C., was killed March 2 while operating with an Afghan coalition unit during the first hours of the operation. He was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

## Army First Sergeant is 37<sup>th</sup> Training Wing's top NCO

First Sergeant Steven C. Roberts was recently recognized as the U.S. Air Force's 37th Training Wing top Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year. Roberts is a first sergeant assigned to E Company, Defense Language Institute English Language Center at Lackland Air Force Base.

E Company's mission includes preparing U.S. Army enlisted soldiers who attend the English as a second language program at DLIELC for basic training. He was selected from among more than 350 senior NCOs at Lackland Air Force Base, and is the first Army nominee to ever win the award.

E Company—better known at the DLIELC as Echo Company is an Initial

Entry Training Company staffed by 15 permanent party personnel, six of whom are drill sergeants. Army recruits are sent to DLIELC and placed in English-as-a-second language training because their native language is not English. After they reach the requisite qualification score on their English comprehension level test, they are sent to Basic Combat Training or One-Station-Unit-Training.

Roberts is responsible for an average weekly student load of 180 trainees. This figure is consistent throughout the year due to the arrival of new soldiers weekly. The mission of E Company is to create an environment conducive to ESL training; exercise command and control, discipline,

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## Briefs

### Women's History Month Observance Day, March 25

A special observance day celebrating National Women's History Month will be held on March 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at BAMC Auditorium. Guest speaker is Dr. Alice Gong, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatal Education, University of Texas Health Science Center. The public is invited.

### AUSA Luncheon, March 28

The Association of the U.S. Army Chapter Luncheon will be held on March 28 at 11 a.m. at the NCO Club. Guest speaker will be U.S. Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez. For tickets call Spc. Alvarado at 221-2810. Cost is \$10.

### Installation top soldiers recognized, March 29

A ceremony to recognize the installation's Soldier, Drill Sgt. and Instructor of the Year will be held March 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the NCO Club. The public is invited.

### Annual AER Fund Campaign, March 15 - April 30

The Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign begins tomorrow through April 30. See your unit's project officer to donate.

### Newcomer's Extravaganza, March 26

The next Newcomer's Extravaganza will be held at the Roadrunner Community Center March 26, 9 to 10 a.m. Newcomers are invited to attend this informative event.

### FSH Chapter MEDCOM S.A.M.C. Induction Ceremony, March 26

The Fort Sam Houston Chapter MEDCOM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony will be held on March 26 at 2:30 p.m. at the NCO Club. The public is invited.

# ‘I will not relent,’ Bush vows

By Linda D. Kozaryn  
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America’s war on terror is “not just a policy, it’s a pledge,” George W. Bush declared at a White House memorial marking six months since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

### War on terrorism is a pledge

“I will not relent in this struggle for the freedom and security of my country and the civilized world,” the President vowed. History will know September 11, 2001, “not only as a day of tragedy,” he said, “but as the day the civilized world was stirred to anger and to action.”

Terrorists will remember Sept. 11 “as the day their reckoning began,” the President told about 300 attack survivors,

along with victims’ family members, and members of the U.S. Cabinet and Congress. “America will not forget the lives that were taken and the justice their death requires,” Bush said. “Our resolve has only grown because we remember.”

Representatives of the coalition nations taking part in the U.S.-led war on terrorism also attended the memorial. The flags of 170 nations flew on the South Lawn, representing what Bush called the “mighty coalition of civilized nations” that “is now defending our common security.

“We’re proud to display their flags at the White House this morning,” Bush said. He expressed the deepest gratitude on behalf of the American people for the contributions “these nations have made, some well known, others not.”

In all, he said, 17 nations deployed forces to Central Asia

in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. More than half the forces now helping Afghan fighters and providing security in Kabul are from countries other than the United States. Australia, Canada, Norway, Denmark and Germany sent teams to fight beside American and British special operations forces.

The United States could not have done its work without support from countries like Pakistan and Uzbekistan, the President said. Japanese destroyers are refueling coalition ships in the Indian Ocean. Turkish air forces have refueled American planes. Russia, Jordan and Spain built hospitals to treat Afghans. South Korea has provided help and supplies.

The war’s human toll includes people from America, Germany, Denmark and Afghanistan.

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Photo by Paul Morse

▲As flags fly from countries contributing to the fight against terrorism, President George W. Bush approaches the podium on the six-month anniversary of the September 11th attacks. “We have come together to mark a terrible day, to reaffirm a just and vital cause, and to thank the many nations that share our resolve and will share our common victory,” said the President in his remarks.

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# Roberts graduated with honors in three NCO schools

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and promote morale and wellness of assigned soldiers; transition civilians into soldiers; prepare soldiers for the military and physical demand of BCT/OSUT.

Roberts is a native of Whittier, Calif. He graduated from Chino High School in Calif. in June 1976. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Delayed Entry Program and entered active duty service in October 1976 as an Airborne Infantryman.

During his first enlistment, he was assigned to the 187th Infantry Detachment - Pathfinder (Airborne) at Fort Benning, Ga. While there, he served as a Pathfinder, Senior Pathfinder, Radio-Telephone operator, team leader, and as the Detachment's Non Commissioned Officer in Charge.

After a five year break in service, he re-entered the Army in October 1986, and upon completion of OSUT at Fort Benning, Ga., he was again assigned to the 187th Infantry Detachment, where he served as a Senior Pathfinder and team leader. Additionally, he was assigned to E Company, 51st Infantry (Long Range Surveillance Company - Airborne)

where he served as a team leader and platoon sergeant. He was subsequently assigned to the 6th Ranger Training Battalion as a Ranger School instructor, and then to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii as a platoon sergeant and S-2 NCOIC. He has been in his current position since January 2000.

Roberts graduated on the commandant's list in all three Non-commissioned Officer Education System schools he attended, and is also a commandant's list graduate of the U.S. Army First Sergeant's Course at Fort Bliss, Texas.

His military education includes: the U.S. Army Airborne School, the U.S. Army Pathfinder School, the U.S. Army Jumpmaster School, the U.S. Army Ranger School, U.S. Army Winter Warfare training course, Joint Firepower Control course, Jungle Operations training course, Survival Escape Resist and Evade course, Troop Naval Gunfire Spotter course, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol course, Close Quarters Battle course, Basic and Special Vehicle Recognition course, Long Range Surveillance Leaders course, and the U.S. Army Instructor Training



Photo by Mrio Gutierrez, Jr.

▲Army 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Steven Roberts receives the 37<sup>th</sup> Wing Senior NCO of the Year award from Brig. Gen. Fred D. Van Valkenburg, commander, 37<sup>th</sup> Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base.

course.

Roberts received his Associate's degree in business administration from Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

His awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service

Medal (two), Army Commendation Medal (two), Army Achievement Medal (two), Good Conduct Medal (six), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (three), Overseas Service Ribbon (two), National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Service

Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and the Canadian, Danish, German, and Belgium Parachutists Badges.

# Rumsfeld: Make sure America's troops aren't overtaxed by nonmilitary missions

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Pausing briefly, Rumsfeld said, "Some people think we're not at war unless there's a declaration of war." Yet there have been a whole series of conflicts without any declarations of war by Congress. "An awful lot of people have been killed," the secretary said, "and that has to be one of the characteristics of war."

He went on to explain how the war against terrorism is indeed a "war." He said there are people who are not associated with a country, who do not have armies, navies or air forces, and who are determined to kill not soldiers, sailors, airmen or Marines, but innocent people "to obtain some goal they believe is in their interest."

"I personally think the word 'war' is appropriate," Rumsfeld said. "It is something that engages the entire nation. It engages other nations of the world who are vulnerable." The only way to combat terrorists, he said, is to take the battle to them.

Then, leaning closer to the microphone, Rumsfeld concluded, "So I'd go back to your teachers and tell them they're wrong." To this, the audience erupted with whistles, cheers and applause.

## On Non-military Tasks

The secretary again drew applause when he said he wants to make sure America's troops aren't overtaxed by nonmilitary missions.

"My goal and my interest is to see that the men and women in uniform who are trained to do military tasks be used as little for nonmilitary tasks as we can manage to do," he said.

"So each time we've been asked to provide some folks for the airports or for the INS, Customs, or Border Patrol," he said, "to the extent that the President decides that need is now and the only people around who are disciplined, organized, trained and capable are people in uniform, we go ahead and do it. But we do it with an understanding that they're not going to do it for very long."

Rumsfeld said defense officials draw up a memorandum of understanding that includes a specified amount of time the military will assist. The agreement is signed with officials at the organization responsible for the duty.

Defense officials also ensure that that organization has a plan for training, organizing, equipping and deploying the people who would replace the military members. In some cases, the temporary duty could last from 90 to 179 days.

Rumsfeld drew hearty applause when he said he thinks senior military leaders need to stay in their jobs longer than the year or two that is now customary. "If you're (only) in your job that long, you don't know your job," he said. "You haven't been there long enough to see your mistakes and have to clean them up."

## On Top Priorities

As time ran out, the last person to pose

a question summed up the crowd's reaction to the secretary. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Andrews drew his own round of applause when he thanked Rumsfeld for his "straight-forward, no-nonsense, cut-through-the-red-tape style of leadership."

Then the 22-year veteran airman from Lansing, Mich., asked, "What are your top three priorities for the Department of Defense since Sept. 11?"

First, Rumsfeld replied, avoiding another terrorist attack on "our country, our deployed forces, and our friends and allies"; second, fixing the Defense Department's intelligence-gathering capabilities and finding better ways to see that the people who need the intelligence have it; and third, transforming the armed forces for the future.

That is not limited to "just transforming weapon systems, and the way systems work together," he said. "Transformation involves a changing a 'culture.'"

Whether it's developing and acquiring new weapons or obtaining money from Congress, he said, "We can't allow the bigness of this system and its bureaucracies to consume that much time and prevent us from functioning in a way that is deft and skillful and swift."

The department also needs innovative people, he stressed. "We have to have an institution that unusual people are willing to be in. Everyone need not fit exactly the same cookie mold. We have to find a way that people's creativity and their boldness can be used."



Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense

## In Conclusion

As the session concluded and the crowd filed out of the auditorium, Andrews remarked, "I really enjoy what he has to say and I like how he interacts with the media. I like his no-nonsense style of leadership. He looks at different processes to see how they work and, if it doesn't make sense, he's going to say 'Hey! It doesn't make sense.'"

Most other military people he's spoken to agree, Andrews said. "When we see him on TV and with the media, what we see is a real positive style of leadership — someone that's looking at doing the right things for the military and looking at leading the country in the right direction."

# The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

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## Bush vows to sustain campaign against terrorists who threaten citizens from anywhere in the world



Photo by Rudi Williams

▲More than 1,000 people gathered on a chilly Monday morning on the White House South Lawn for a six-month remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. "We have come together to mark a terrible day, to reaffirm a just and vital cause, and to thank the many nations that share our resolve and will share our common victory," President George W. Bush told the large gathering.

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"Each life taken from us is a terrible loss," Bush said. "We mourn each one, and for their bravery in a noble cause, we honor them."

Bush cited Australian Sgt. Andrew Russell as an example of those who've given their lives in the battle against terror. The Australian Special Air Service member died in Afghanistan last month, leaving behind his wife, Kiley, and infant daughter, Lisa.

"Friends said of Sgt. Russell, 'you could rely on him never to let you down,'" Bush said. "This young man and many like him have not let us down."

Andrew Russell and the other U.S., coalition and Afghan forces have achieved much in the short time the war has been under way, Bush said. The coalition has liberated the Afghan people from terrorist occupation and averted mass starvation. Coalition forces have cleared minefields, rebuilt roads and improved health care.

Schools are slated to reopen in Afghanistan next week, the president noted, stressing, "They will be open to all. Many young girls will go to school for the first time in their young lives."

### War enters second stage

The war on terrorism is entering a second stage, Bush said. The war now calls for "a sustained campaign to deny sanctuary to terrorists who would threaten our citizens from anywhere in the world," he said. More patience and more courage will be required.

U.S. forces fought a fierce battle in the Shahi Khot Valley, he noted, "yet it will not be the last battle in Afghanistan, and there will be other battles beyond that nation."

There must be no refuge or safe haven for terrorists, he stressed. Every terrorist must be forced to live as an international fugitive with no government to hide behind, no safe place to

sleep. Driving terrorists from place to place will disrupt their planning and training for further attacks.

"America encourages and expects governments everywhere to help remove the terrorist parasites that threaten their own countries and peace of the world," the President said. America would provide training and resources to help governments meet this commitment.

About 500 U.S. troops are currently helping train forces in the Philippines, he said. Terrorists there linked to Al Qaeda are trying to seize the southern part of the country to set up a militant regime. At the request of the Republic of Georgia, U.S. officials plan to send up to 150 military trainers to prepare Georgian soldiers to control Al Qaeda- linked terrorists in an area near the Russian border.

In Yemen, Bush said, U.S. officials "are working to avert the possibility of another Afghanistan." Al Qaeda may attempt to reconstitute itself near the Yemeni-Saudi Arabian border with new recruits from the region. The United States plans to work with the Yemeni government to provide training and equipment to prevent that from happening.

**Coalition is a network**

Overall, the coalition is confronting "not a nation, but a network," Bush said. Dismantling the network will require

international diplomatic, financial and military cooperation.

"Victory will come over time as that network is patiently and steadily dismantled, he said. "We will not send the American troops to every battle, but America will actively prepare other nations for the battles ahead."

This mission will end when terror networks of global reach have been defeated, he said. "The training camps of terror are a threat to our lives and to our way of lives, and they will be destroyed."

Bush called on America's coalition partners to "take seriously the growing threat of terror on a catastrophic scale"; that is, "terror armed with biological, chemical or nuclear weapons."

Terrorist groups are hungry for weapons of mass destruction, he said, and would use them without a hint of conscience. "We know that these weapons in the hands of terrorists would unleash blackmail and genocide and chaos."

"Our coalition must act deliberately. Inaction is not an option," the President said. "Men with no respect for life must never be allowed to control the ultimate instruments of death."

Every nation of good will can join the effort to create a peaceful world beyond the war on terror, he concluded. "Together, we will face the peril of our moment and seize the promise of our times. May God bless our coalition."

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# DoD creating new all-service personnel, pay system



By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

DoD and the military services are getting rid of outdated personnel systems, business practices and personnel structures, but creating a new system will take time.

The jettisoned practices will make room for simple, accurate, accessible, timely and relevant Web-based systems for service members and their leaders.

When the DoD fields the congressionally mandated Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, or DIMHRS, sweeping changes will occur in the way personnel and pay are handled.

DoD is establishing one personnel and pay system for use by all the services. The project is a transformation effort; that is, one intended to provide the U.S. military with new defenses, new methods, new equipment and a different way of thinking.

As it stands today, the military services still have hundreds of "legacy systems" written in 1970s and 1980s computer languages that today's computers don't "speak," according to Army Reserve Maj. Gen. B. Sue Dueitt, who is overseeing the Army's implementation of the program.

For example, Dueitt said, the Army has separate personnel databases for active duty enlisted, active duty officers and Army Reservists and National Guard. They neither talk to each other nor to Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps systems, she noted.

Consequently, the general said, to keep track of Guard and Reserve personnel upon mobilization, their data must be combined with Active Army data through a cumbersome process. If not done, she continued, warfighting commanders couldn't tell how many active, Guard and Reserve personnel they have, their skills, their rotation dates and other details. Then the data must be re-separated when reservists demobilize.

Navy Capt. Valerie Carpenter, program manager, said the Navy is the executive agent for DIMHRS, but the Army will be the first to implement the program. Carpenter is assigned to the New Orleans-based Navy Program Executive Office for Information Technology.

DoD is footing most of the bills, but all the services will pay shares, such as for training and the detailed implementation, according to Dueitt, assistant Army deputy chief of staff for personnel for mobilization and reserve affairs.

Norma St. Claire, director of DoD's Joint Requirements and Integration Office, said system development is scheduled to start in July 2002 with the Army starting testing in 2003. She said plans call for the Navy to be on board in 2004, the Marine Corps sometime in 2005, and the Air Force last.

St. Claire said a key piece of DIMHRS is commercial software called PeopleSoft 8. When everything is in place, the application would allow service members to go onto the Internet at any time from anywhere to access personal information and take care of everything from administrative matters to pay issues, she said.

Keeping track of service members' whereabouts during mobilizations and deployments is another area needing improvement, St. Claire noted. Officials recognized some problems after the Persian Gulf War "like our inability to know who was exposed to things or who was called up," she noted. "Thousands of people were lost in the system."

DIMHRS is an opportunity to consolidate personnel and pay activities instead of having separate offices in each service, St. Claire noted. It will also be a godsend for service members leaving the services.

"They'll no longer have to wait weeks or months to obtain information from DoD for Veterans Affairs benefits. Since DIMHRS is being designed to input data within 24 hours, the information will be available almost immediately," St. Claire pointed out.

On the other hand, consolidating the affected personnel and pay systems isn't something done overnight.

"We have to deal with all the rules and regulations for the acquisition process and a host of other things that take time," she said. For instance, commercial software and practices worked this time but won't always, because the DoD has to do some things differently to meet mission-essential requirements, she noted, and that means, "We have to figure out a way to cross that 'mission critical' gap."



# Digital delivery speeds official photos

By Patrick A. Swan  
Army News Service

A new digital way to send official military photographs is providing a "picture-perfect" means of delivery to soldiers' personnel files and it may be in time for thousands of NCOs otherwise eligible for promotion boards but lack official photos in their personnel files.

Approximately 9,000 out of 32,000 staff sergeants eligible for the upcoming sergeants-first-class board still need official DA photos, according to Army officials.

"Without those photos in their records, those soldiers are at a distinct disadvantage for promotion," said Command Sgt. Maj. Deborah Seimer, sergeant major for the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center in Indianapolis, Ind. "They should act today to get their digital photos taken and submitted."

This initiative is called the Department of the Army Photograph Management Information System, which receives digitized, official DA photographs directly from the Army's world-wide photo labs.

It is specifically designed to eliminate DA photo-accountability problems, such as lost, incorrect or damaged hard-copy photos, said Lt. Col. Georgia Bouie, chief, Officer Systems Branch, Total Army Personnel Command.

"The DAPMIS initiative supports both Personnel Transformation and the Army's Knowledge Management Strategy," said Lt. Col. Curtis H. Nutbrown, action officer with the Strategic Partnering Directorate for Army Knowledge Management, Chief Information Office and G-6. "In this case, PERSCOM was able to redesign business processes and apply web-based capabilities to support these new processes. With DAPMIS, we get a system that is faster, more responsive and soldier friendly."

"At the same time, DAPMIS supports the Army's migration of business and customer support applications to Army Knowledge Online, the Army Portal. The goal is to use AKO as the one-stop information site for the Army."

While DAPMIS will be fully implemented this summer, there

will be a transition period where hard-copy photos will still be printed, said Lt. Col. Stan Heath, PERSCOM public affairs officer. Soldiers will be given hard-copy photos to mail to PERSCOM during a three- to six-month transition period.

"Some personnel will be able to view their photos online initially and will also be given photos to mail in for their file," Heath said. "The rule of thumb will be, if you're given photos, then mail them in."

By eliminating the requirement for hard-copy photos, DAPMIS saves the Army approximately \$1.6 million annually in material and equipment costs, Bouie said. This figure is based on a \$4 production cost and a \$4 lab-handling fee per photo multiplied by 207 thousand photos yearly. A side benefit is that DAPMIS provides a management tool for the Army's photo lab managers to increase quality, and control the operating costs of their facilities.

More importantly, it saves soldiers time, energy and the out-of-pocket costs associated with mailing or hand-carrying

to PERSCOM duplicate, hard-copy replicas of their digital photos, Bouie said. She estimated those annual costs top \$300 thousand for all affected soldiers.

For instance, a last-minute, overnight mailing can cost \$12 or more, Siemer said. "And those duplicate photos must still be scanned upon receipt," she continued. "In addition, those scanned photos don't look near as good as the digital ones we receive."

The sergeant major said DAPMIS also eliminates a trip back to the photo studio by soldiers to review the printed photo. They will also no longer be responsible for walking those approved photos to their nearest personnel services battalion to mail to PERSCOM on their behalf.

This is because, with DAPMIS, a soldier's photo is automatically forwarded to the centralized-data base used by Army selection boards, branch-assignment officers, soldiers and commanders. The soldier is given three days in which to approve the stored photo. Soldiers review and approve

such stored photos through their Army Knowledge Online accounts on the Army Portal, [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil). The photos are part of AKO's password-protected section for Official Military Personnel Files.

As a result, DAPMIS shortens the preparatory time required for selection boards and branch assignments.

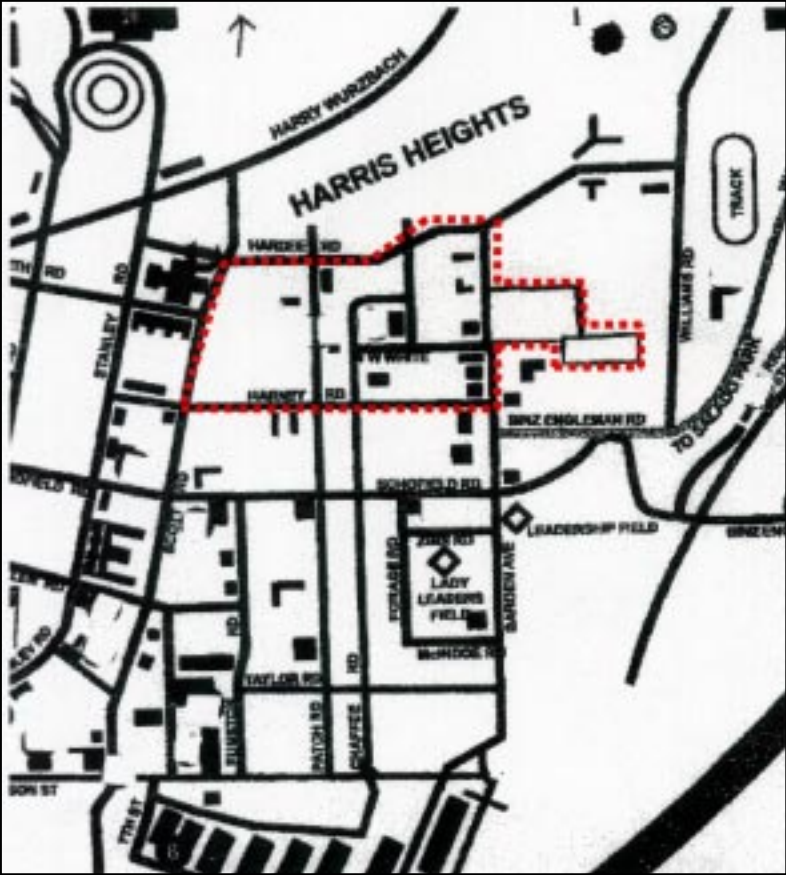
Bouie said the first phase of DAPMIS development began in late 1999, using bar coding of hard-copy photos to increase photo accountability. In the next phase, the Army designed and successfully validated the concept of a digitized photo-processing system. The third phase of DAPMIS implements the system worldwide.

"We're really just catching up with technology already being used in the private sector," Seimer said. "Our soldiers are already doing banking online and sending online greeting cards to family and friends. They have confidence these 'transactions' will get through. DAPMIS is one aspect of a concept with which soldiers are already familiar."

# New running route

Beginning immediately, the below area (highlighted with dots) is off limits to vehicular traffic during the hours of 4:45-6:15 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There will be traffic control at intersections, and drivers will be allowed to cross the route via Patch and Chaffee Roads to gain access to quarters or work areas.

The route includes Scott Road between Harney and Hardee roads and Garden Avenue between, Harney and Hardee roads. Also affected are W.W. White Road, east of Garden, Womack Road, north of W.W. White and McGee roads.



# First IBCT may be ready in December

By Ann Zeterstrom  
Army News Service

Fort Lewis, the place the Army chief of staff calls the ‘Cradle of Transformation’ may be watching its first Initial Brigade Combat Team take its first steps sooner than expected.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced in a press conference Feb. 21, that 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, may be operationally ready minus one battalion in December.

“We think by Dec. 2, we will have had the IBCT — two battalions, less the third, operationally tested,” Shinseki said. “We will have a good feel about the formal (Initial Operation Capabilities) in May, but we will have pretty good confidence in our capabilities by December.”

December isn’t soon enough.

Army officials have said on numerous occasions that if an IBCT were operationally capable after the events on Sept. 11 it would have been one of the first

on the ground in Afghanistan.

“9-11 has raised the additional interest in us looking into ways to accelerate the transformation process,” Shinseki said. “I am not sure what those opportunities are, but we continue to press.”

Although December is the goal for the IBCT the decision will not be made hastily.

There are a number of conditions that have to be met before the unit can be certified IOC,” said Lt. Col. Mick Nicholson, a strategist on Shinseki’s staff.

“The vehicle has to be certified and the brigade has to be evaluated by the Forces Command commander,” he said.

Nicholson explained that a vehicle certification process normally takes years, but since several military forces have already fielded the basic platform, the time is compressed.

The first external demonstration of the IBCT’s capabilities will be Millennium Challenge 2002 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., an

experiment to test concepts and refine emerging doctrine, officials said. It will also allow the military to better focus its efforts on developing the Objective Force.

“This is an important event for Transformation,” Nicholson said. “The Army has been transforming for two years. This gives us a chance to showcase the IBCT in the joint arena and experiment with other forces.”

The XVIII Airborne Corps will act as the Joint Task Force in the experiment with the 82nd Airborne Division as the Army Component Command. The IBCT will act as an early entry force.

Experiment officials say that lessons learned during MC ’02 will help the Army more effectively and efficiently work with the other services.

Transformation is not an option, rather a necessity for the Army being able to function as an equal partner in the joint force of tomorrow.

# Soldiers who ASK get preferred assignments

## 44,703 soldiers have logged onto [www.perscom.army.mil](http://www.perscom.army.mil) with data and preferences

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

Everyday about 1,000 soldiers tell their assignment managers where they want to be stationed, and with the help of modernized programs, their wishes are being granted.

The Assignment Satisfaction Key was introduced to the Army October 12, 2001 and it gives enlisted soldiers the capability to post assignment preferences directly onto the Total Army Personnel Database.

As of today 44,703 soldiers have logged onto <http://www.perscom.army.mil> providing personal contact data and listing preferences

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**Sgt. Maj. Oscar Garcia,  
Ordnance Corps career management branch**

for stateside, overseas and special-duty assignments. The Army’s goal is to get the entire population — 400,000 — to sign up within the next several months, said Sgt. Maj. Oscar Garcia, sergeant major for the Ordnance Corps career management branch

Along with ASK, assignment managers work with new software referred to as SAM — Soldier Assignment Module. The software merges Army requirements with the assignment

preferences of soldiers, Garcia said.

For example, career management branches are periodically given requisitions for special assignment such as drill sergeant duty, recruiting and airborne. The software can identify qualified candidates, with volunteers at the top of the list.

“By policy, we will always accept a volunteer over a non-volunteer,” Garcia said.

The idea behind SAM came from

Garcia, but the system was designed by a sergeant first class with years of personnel management experience.

“I’ve used databases to manage personnel at my units. I would find out who was leaving, what grade and MOS, then get replacements,” said Sgt. 1st Class Vince Marroquin, the Ordnance Branch force integrator.

“The sergeant major (Garcia) had the insight of what was needed and what

the rules are for making an assignment. I know personnel and databases issues, so we worked together to help assignment managers make their decisions.”

With this new technology, it couldn’t get any easier for soldiers and assignment managers, Garcia explained.

“We had a soldier call up and ask to go to Korea,” Garcia said. “The career manager asked if he had signed up with

ASK. He had not. So the career manager talked him through the process.

“Next the career manager went onto SAM found out that there was a slot for the soldier’s grade and MOS, and that the soldier met the qualifications. Finally the assignment manager had the soldier log back onto ASK, and at the bottom of the screen it showed that he was on orders to Korea.”

Now a soldier has a vote, Garcia said. It’s immediately seen by his branch manager and it counts, he said.

Before a soldier can log onto ASK, they have to have an Army Knowledge Online account. ASK will require soldiers to select three stateside locations and three other

preferences outside of the continental United States.

Preference locations mean that if a soldier has to rotate or do a special duty like drill sergeant or recruiter, this is the place or the duty he would prefer, Garcia said. The first two preference choices will be from the Army’s 10 divisions, because that’s where soldiers are needed most, he said. The other choice will be from an expanded listing which includes the divisional installations plus other CONUS installations.

Soldiers may also select three CONUS and three OCONUS volunteer locations. Garcia said volunteer locations mean that if a soldier were to move now, this is where he would want to go.

# Developing tomorrow’s military capabilities

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces  
Press Service

In a war, commanders need capabilities and they need them fast. That’s the idea behind the Defense Department’s Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration program. Without ACTD, the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle, a star in the war in Afghanistan, would probably still be in testing. Thermobaric bombs used against Al Qaeda and Taliban cave sanctuaries would still be on the drawing board.

Under the ACTD program, Defense officials speak with the services and combatant commanders and finds out what capabilities they need. The officials then look at what is available that can fulfill these needs.

Need better command and control programs? Perhaps an Army project can help.

Need better ways to detect mines? Perhaps this civilian program can be adapted. Need better chemical and biological agent detection systems? Perhaps officials can focus another program to fit the bill.

“The ACTD program really exists so that we can marry operational requirements, on one side, with new technologies and solutions,” said Sue Payton, deputy undersecretary of defense for advanced systems and concepts. “This is one of the few programs in which ACTD products are really demonstrated for military utility by the warfighter, and the warfighter actually writes concept of operations in the context in which he needs the technology.”

The ACTD program puts promising technology on the fast track. The department’s fiscal 2002 budget for the program is \$159 million. But this

money is leveraged by what the services and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency add. Payton said that in years past every \$1.20 the program spent on ACTDs was matched by \$4.26 from partners and agencies. If that trend holds, more than \$500 million are spent on these promising technologies.

This year department officials chose 15 projects for the program. Payton said 11 directly address capabilities needed for the war on terrorism. Among the projects are capabilities to protect information among coalition partners. Another is a system that would quickly translate captured documents into English or tasking orders into foreign languages. Still another is a system that provides information and technical expertise to explosive ordnance disposal experts from many lands.

The department is

also investing in 6-to-9-inch-long micro air reconnaissance vehicles equipped with tiny cameras. Infantrymen or special operations forces could launch the vehicles to see what’s over the next hill or what’s on the next street.

The Pathfinder ACTD would integrate information from unmanned aerial and ground vehicles and remote sensors to help commanders and units engaged in urban combat. Other ACTDs examine better transportation tracking, chemical and biological agent contamination detection and avoidance technologies, homeland security command and control, and a penetrator warhead for thermobaric bombs.

## Provost Marshal’s Corner



By Lt. Col. Jessie Goggins  
Provost Marshal

The past two weeks have seen a slight drop in shoplifting cases, but an increase in property damage cases. However, there were four reported incidents of shoplifting at the Main Exchange. Items taken included more than \$365 worth of clothing, jewelry, boots and sunglasses.

There were five reported incidents of damage to vehicles in the parking lots of the PXtra, buildings 1350, 2789, 4197, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Army Quadrangle. A spare tire was stolen from a vehicle in Harris Heights and a window was broken on a house located on Hardee Road. Also fog lights from a vehicle were reported stolen while the car was parked at BAMC.

There has been a dramatic increase of people locking their keys in their vehicles, that I take this opportunity to remind everyone that it takes less than a minute for a thief to steal your vehicle. Leaving your keys in your vehicle is an invitation to have your car stolen.

In Texas, last year, a vehicle was stolen every 5-½ minutes. In 2001, 10,000 vehicles were stolen, which is approximately one in every 178 registered vehicles. Approximately 50 percent of these vehicles were left unlocked, and approximately 25 percent had the keys left inside.

That is one out of every 45 cars stolen!!

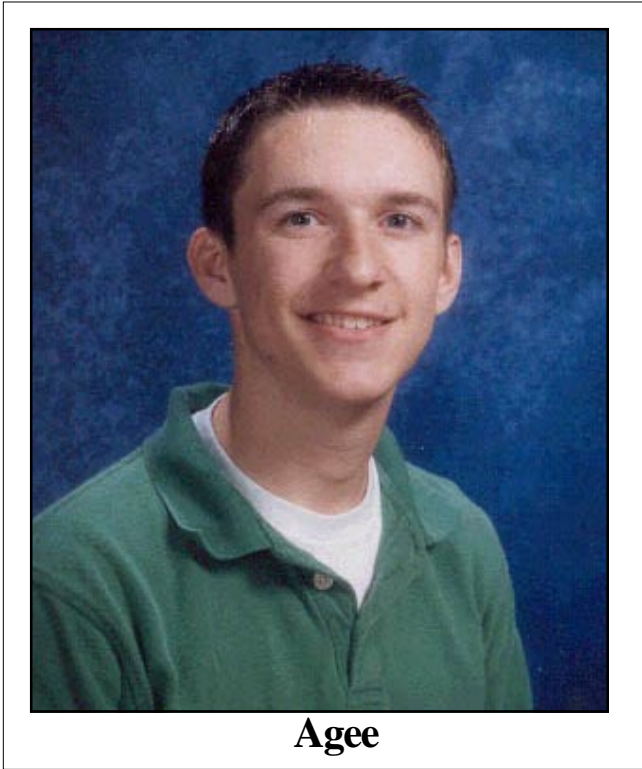
Don’t be an easy target for thieves—leaving your vehicle running and unattended is a violation of the Texas Transportation Code and it is a Class C Misdemeanor, with a fine of \$200.

FSH Regulation 190-5 prohibits leaving children under the age of 14 or pets unattended in a parked vehicle for any length of time. This means do not leave your kids (or pets) in the car while you run into the shoppette, to the ATM or anywhere else. You will be charged for Failure to Obey an Order/Regulation.

Just a reminder, with the warm weather comes spring break and weekend soccer games. The speed limit in the housing areas is 20 mph, be on the lookout for children darting into the streets or riding their bicycles. Military Police will be patrolling the housing areas, and strictly enforcing the speed limits.

The six-month anniversary of the tragedy of September 11 was observed this week. As our great nation remembers those who were lost, I want to extend my heart-felt thanks for an outstanding job to those men and women who are deployed to Fort Sam Houston, in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

# Local student selected for national conference



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**Mathew Agee**  
*prior to his departure*

Matthew Agee of Fort Sam Houston has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference from March 12 to 17 in Washington, D.C. The NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Agee will be among 350 outstanding National Scholars from around the country.

The theme of the NYLC is “The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today.” Throughout the six-day conference, Agee will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Agee will also meet with a senator, representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

“It’s wonderful that high school students like Matthew Agee seek out the National Young Leaders Conference in an effort to learn and take on leadership roles in communities throughout the country,” said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the NYLC. “More than ever, the events of September 11 have prompted the urgent need to understand and exercise effective leadership. Those who participate in this program not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation’s capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future.”

“My trip to Washington is going to be an exciting and unique experience allowing me to further my leadership skills and see how the country’s leaders use their skills,” commented Mathew prior to his departure Tuesday.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Agee will also participate in a number of

leadership skill-building activities. In one role-play activity known as “If I Were President,” students act as the President and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation, called “Testing the Constitution,” in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The NYLC culminates with the “Model Congress,” in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

The CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, it is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. More than 425 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. Each year, 7,000 select, outstanding youth nationwide participate in the 20 sessions of the NYLC.

For additional information on the NYLC, go to [www.cylc.org](http://www.cylc.org).

# DoD expands Women’s Advisory Panel agenda

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**  
**American Forces Press Service**

The 51-year-old Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services has a new charter that reflects changed times, a senior DoD official said.

Charles S. Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, said DACOWITS would continue to provide the secretary of defense with advice and counsel “on those issues that are important to the professional opportunities of women and to help us recruit and retain a great force.”

However, he said, senior DoD officials reviewing the department’s advisory bodies decided to refocus DACOWITS “to address the needs of the department in the 21st century.” He said the committee’s new agenda includes specifically looking at family issues and examining their impact on retention and recruitment.

When Defense Secretary George C. Marshall established DACOWITS in 1951, Abell noted, military women’s career paths were limited mostly to nursing and administrative fields and few senior billets were open to them.

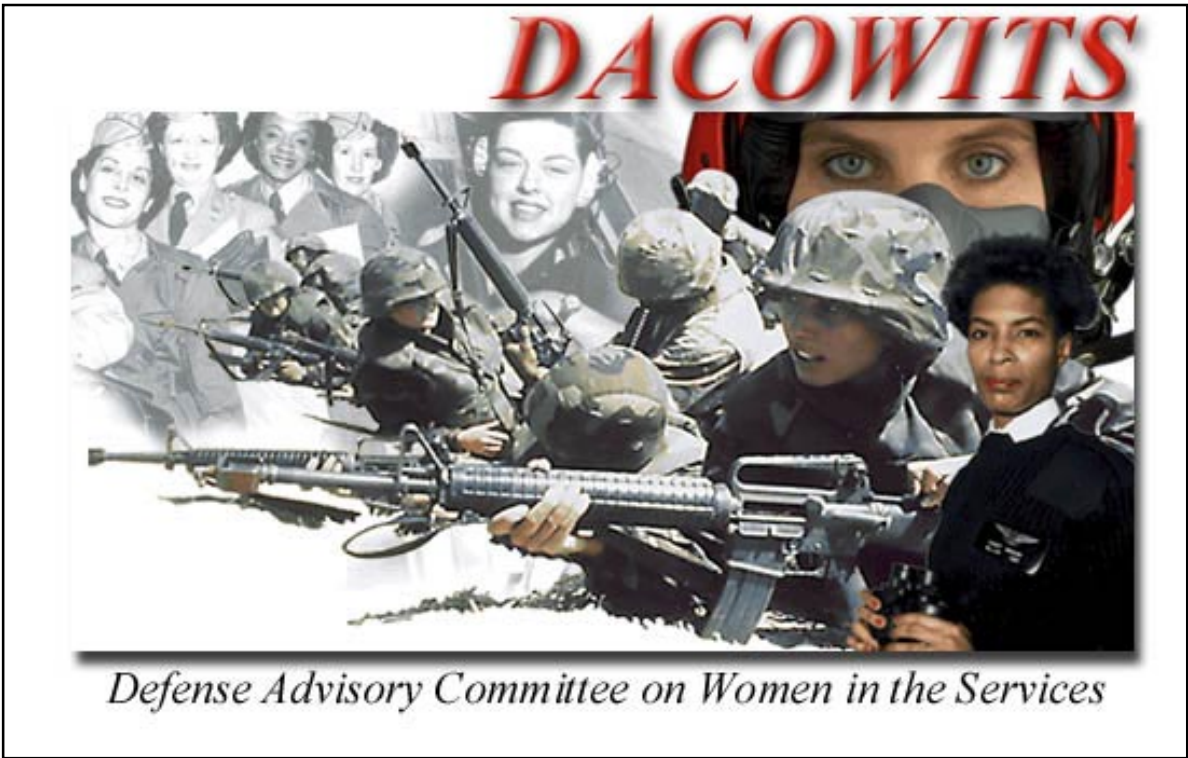
Today, he said, military women fly combat aircraft, serve in leadership positions aboard aircraft carriers and other naval vessels, support combat land operations, and hold three-star rank in every service.

Primary changes to the DACOWITS agenda include:

- An expanded charter that calls for study of family quality-of-life issues and their effects on recruiting and retention.
- Committee members must have military experience or be past or present military family members.
- DACOWITS’ mandatory semiannual conference requirement is removed. While the committee will continue to convene at least twice a year, it may meet more often if necessary.

Additionally, Abell noted, the committee could grow, but to no more than 35 members. Some of DACOWITS’ current 22 members may be selected to serve on the new, larger committee if eligible, he added.

The new committee, Abell noted, will examine issues such as professional opportunities for all service members; quality health care; pregnancy and parenthood; single parents; child



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care and development; the effects of frequent family separations because of military duty; and military pay, housing and cost-of-living allowances.

“It’s still important to retain a

look at the ability of the services to provide opportunities for women,” Abell emphasized. However, he added, military families “have grown in significance and its time to add that to

the arena of things that merit our consideration.

“And that’s what we’re going to ask DACOWITS to help us with,” he concluded.



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## Caution: unauthorized use, trespassing prohibited

In June 2001, Fort Sam Houston entered into a 50-year lease with a private developer, Orion Partners, Inc. for the renovation and reuse of the Old Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), Building 1000, and the south and north wings of the Beach Pavilion Complex, Buildings 2371 and 2372. These facilities are under the sole care of Orion Partners, Inc. and as such, entry into these facilities or use of the adjacent parking areas is prohibited. Questions concerning these facilities may be addressed to the U.S. Army Garrison Business Development Office at 221-2761.

## Post commander changes BAMC gate schedule to improve emergency access

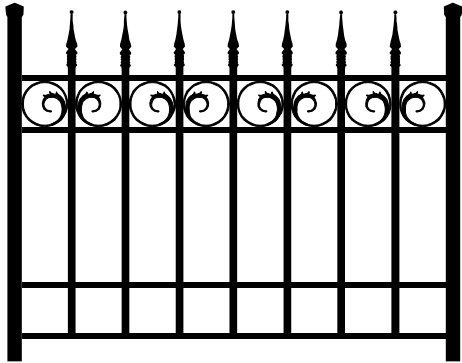
For quicker, easier access to emergency services at Brooke Army Medical Center, the security gates to the BAMC complex are scheduled for a change of hours April 1.

The gate at I-35 and Roger Brooke, sometimes identified as the north BAMC gate, will become the full time primary access, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It will also be the only gate at BAMC, after April 1, where visitors can obtain vehicle passes. The south BAMC gate at Roger Brooke and Binz-Engleman Road, near the Salado Creek crossing, will only be open Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. It will be closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Force protection measures established access controls at the BAMC gates in the heightened security climate following the Sept. 11 attacks. Schedules have been adjusted periodically to accommodate workforce traffic flow, personnel capabilities of the security force and the welfare of patients, with safety balanced against service.

According to James Hobson, BAMC Provost Marshal Office, this latest refinement gives direct access to the BAMC Emergency Room from I-35 at any hour of night or day, and the Emergency Room sign is clearly visible from the gate, reducing confusion and delay when seconds can be critical.

(Source: BAMC Public Affairs)



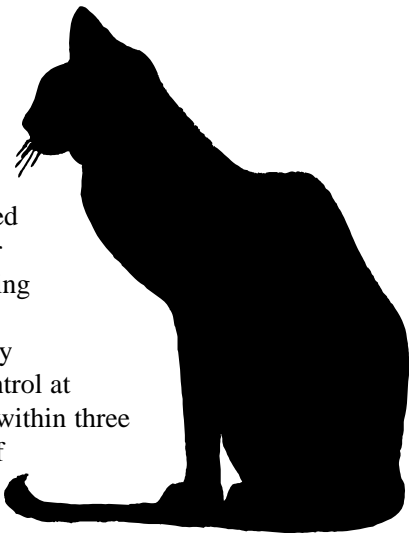
# Be aware of FSH stray animal policy

In accordance with Fort Sam Houston Regulation 40-3, stray animals are not allowed to run loose on post. Animals impounded by the military police are taken directly to San Antonio Animal Control, located at 210 Tuleta Street near Brackenridge Park and the San Antonio Zoo.

Animals with identification tags or microchips will be held for ten days and the Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Clinic will be notified of animals owned by personnel living on post. Pet owners will be responsible for boarding fees of \$7 per day, rabies vaccinations of \$10 and euthanasia and disposal fee of \$30 per animal.

If your pet is involved in a biting incident and has current rabies vaccinations, you can apply to the post Veterinary Clinic for home quarantine. Make sure your pets are registered on Fort Sam Houston, have their rabies vaccinations and are wearing their tags at all times.

To find a lost animal, you may contact San Antonio Animal Control at 207-6660. Animals not claimed within three working days will be disposed of through adoption or euthanasia.



**For more information:** Contact the Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility at 295-4260.

# Blood donations needed



Blood donations are needed year round. Soldiers involved in Operation Enduring Freedom are counting on us to be there for them. If you make a fist now, we will give you a hand later. It is important to keep a steady flow of blood donors donating on a regular basis. To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.

# TRICARE and coping with crisis

The events of Sept. 11; family members deployed; terrorist threats; suddenly balancing the household and family responsibilities all on one set of shoulders. Everyone in the family, even the kids, are trying to cope. If you need help getting through these demanding times, TRICARE provides both outpatient and inpatient behavioral health benefits through the following certified providers:

- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialist
- Licensed Professional Counselor, Mental Health Counselor or Pastoral Counselor (with a physician referral)

## Referrals and Authorizations

Whether you use TRICARE Prime, Extra or Standard, you may self refer to a network provider for the first eight outpatient counseling and therapy visits in an enrollment year. Be sure to tell your provider that you are a TRICARE beneficiary so they can obtain an authorization number to process paperwork properly. Any outpatient behavioral visits beyond the first eight require clinical review of a Treatment Plan submitted by your provider to Managed Health Network the coordinator of behavioral health referrals and authorizations. The Treatment Plan should be submitted by your sixth visit to be sure your care continues without



interruption. If you need assistance finding a behavioral health provider or obtaining an authorization for care, speak to a MHN Care Specialist at (800) 406-2832, select option 3, then option 2, followed by option 1.

## Emergency Procedure

For behavioral health emergencies, a Health Care Finder should be called as soon as possible for authorization, but no later than 72 hours after the emergency has occurred. For details on your behavioral health benefits and any co-payments, consult your Prime Member Handbook if you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime, or the Benefits and Coverage Chart in you participate in TRICARE Extra and Standard. These documents, in addition to a detailed description of the behavioral health services available to you can also be found at [www.hnfs.net](http://www.hnfs.net), a TRICARE Service Center, or call (800) 406-2832 and select option 1, to speak with a benefits representative.

# Look what's just 'Around The Corner'

Around the Corner Frame shop located in the basement of the Officers' Club is now open Tuesday through Saturday for all of your framing and awards needs. Come "buy" and meet Debra and Susan, owners, and get your 2002 Fiesta poster. Check out the special price for Fiesta poster framing.

# Airdrops tighten grip on public enemy

By Master Sgt. Greg Ripps  
Special to the News Leader

With two Texas National Guard members as his crew, the pilot follows a precise flight path at 500 feet. The mission is to make airdrops; the goal is to contain the enemy.

The enemy in this case is canine rabies, and the weapon is vaccine bait dropped from specially equipped Beechcraft King Air twin-engine aircraft. Directing the campaign is the Texas Department of Health.

“Our strategy is to continue to constrict the area where rabies cases have occurred,” said “Skip” Oertli, a veterinarian with the TDH’s Zoonosis Control Division. “We tighten the ‘perimeters of immunity’ just a little more each year.”

An outbreak of rabies in 1988 in Starr and Hidalgo counties spread northward and by 1994 was threatening to invade San Antonio and other populated areas. The department began its Oral Rabies Vaccination Program in 1995. The bait drops are apparently having the desired effect.

“Before the program began, there were 142 cases of domestic dog/coyote strain canine rabies,” said Jim Schuermann, an epidemiologist with the TDH. “Last year there was only 1 case.”

TDH also says there have been no human cases of canine rabies recorded in Texas since 1994, and no animal cases of domestic dog/coyote strain canine rabies have been recorded outside the South Texas bait drop containment zone since the airdrops began. The Central and West Texas area was added in 1996 to combat a gray fox epidemic that reached a high incidence of 244 cases in 1995 but dropped to 18 last year.

The Texas National Guard has helped with the program from the start. This year one officer and 21 enlisted Army Guard members volunteered for the duty.

“One troop serves as navigator, or observer, while another serves as dispenser – the person who makes sure the machinery is dispensing the bait out of the bottom of the aircraft,” explained Capt. Gabriel Gaytan, officer in



Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Ripps

▲ Spc. Imelda Recio (left) and Spc. Maricela Recio check some of the bait prior to an airdrop. This bait includes a brown sugar coating to attract gray foxes in Central and West Texas. The sisters, both members of the 449th Personnel Service Detachment, decided to volunteer to help with the state’s rabies vaccination program.



Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Ripps

▲ Serving as a “dispenser” during an Oral Rabies Vaccination Program flight, Pvt. Juan Hernandez makes sure the equipment that drops the bait from the aircraft is operating correctly. Hernandez belongs to the headquarters staff of the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry, at Weslaco, Texas.

charge of the small task force. “They take turns in the aircraft. Those who aren’t flying serve as ground crew.”

The aircraft and their pilots belong to Dynamic Aviation Group, Inc., a Virginia-based company under contract with the TDH for the program this year. They began flying operations Jan. 7 with 17 counties in South Texas and moved on to cover 36 counties in Central and West Texas beginning Jan. 15.

The aircraft drop about 100 “baits” per square mile, dispensing between 15,000 and 17,000 per flight. A flight takes about two hours, with the turn-around to replace a load of bait taking about 30 minutes. Each bait measures two inches by two inches by three-quarters of an inch and consists of a plastic sachet containing two milliliters of vaccine covered with fishmeal for coyotes and sugarcoated dog

food for gray foxes. When the canines consume the bait and its contents, they become immunized to rabies.

The flights continued every day, including weekends, weather permitted, and concluded Jan. 31.

“The Guard was an integral part of every aspect of the aerial distribution campaign,” Oertli said, noting that the Guard members helped provide an element of security this year. “They closed their last day with a bang, helping in a hundred different ways.

“It is hard to measure the Texas Guard’s support, they make such a tremendous contribution to this program,” he continued. “They helped with an important public health effort.”

Rabies in Texas coyotes and gray foxes still hasn’t been eliminated, but the noose continues to tighten.

# What to do, or not to do, with baby birds

By Capt. Cheryl Amyx  
Special to the News Leader

Spring is just around the corner! We can look forward not only to warmer weather but also the return of migratory birds and the season when baby birds and mammals are born. The purpose of this article is to provide you helpful information if case you find an injured or orphaned bird or mammal.

The first thing to know is that only licensed rehabilitators may legally possess and treat wild birds and mammals. The next important fact to consider is that there is considerable risk of disease transmission to anyone handling wild animals. Also, injured or orphaned wildlife should be kept away from domestic pets. Rabies is the most serious of the potentially transmitted diseases and any wild mammal (animals with hair including bats) may carry the rabies virus. The website for the Texas Department of Health listed at the end of this article will give you more specific information regarding rabies and other zoonotic diseases.

Every year many young wild animals are mistakenly considered orphans and are unnecessarily “rescued”. Here are several scenarios were a person might misinterpret a young animal to be orphaned:

Blown-down nest- If a nest is found on the ground and the young birds or

eggs are unharmed simply replace the nest in a nearby tree or shrub. The parents will continue to care for the young. It is a common misconception that birds will reject their young if they have acquired human scent.

- Grounded baby birds- Baby birds seen hopping around and begging for food do not need your help. They are in the fledging stage and it is common for them to feed on the ground for several days before they are fully feathered and ready for flight. The parents are usually nearby and will attend to the young when you leave. A similar situation arises with bunnies. If you find healthy bunnies that are 4-5 inches long, able to hop, with eyes open and ears up, leave them alone, they do not need help. The only times that intervention may be warranted are if there are dogs and cats in the area or if the baby is found in the street. In these cases, place the baby bird or bunny under a nearby shrub and out of harm’s way.

- “Abandoned” young- It is common for people to come upon baby deer, rabbits, or birds left alone bedded

down or in a nest. The mothers have left their young to forage and will only return when you leave the area. It is best to leave the baby alone unless it is covered with fire ants or wounds.

If you find a wild animal (other than a bat) that is truly injured or abandoned these are the steps you should follow:

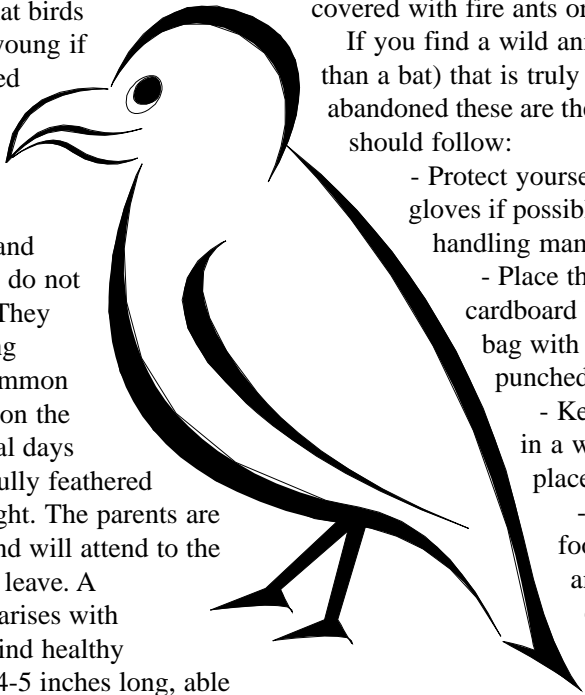
- Protect yourself by wearing gloves if possible whenever handling mammals.
- Place the animal in a cardboard box or paper bag with air holes punched in.
- Keep the animal in a warm, dark, place.
- DO NOT give food or water and keep children and pets away.
- Contact a

licensed rehabilitator, state wildlife agency, animal control, or veterinarian as soon as possible.

-Wash your hands after contact with the animal.

For injured or orphan bats:

- Call your local animal control to have an officer sent to capture the bat.
- If this is not possible, wear leather gloves and avoid contact between the bat and bare skin.



- Cover the bat with a coffee can or glass jar, slide a piece of cardboard under the container and secure it directly to the can or jar with tape. Poke air holes in the cardboard.

- Contact your local animal control to have bat picked up as soon as possible.

A complete list of local licensed wildlife rehabilitators can be found at the Texas Parks & Wildlife website listed at the end of this article. Most rehabilitators are volunteers so be considerate and patient when you contact them. No state funding is available for the caging, food, medicine, or veterinary care that they provide therefore, donations are always welcome. In addition, many of the larger rehabilitation groups are always in need of new volunteers. Once such group is Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or if you need assistance with an injured or orphaned wild animal call (210) 698-1709.

## Helpful Resources

For a complete listing of wildlife rehabilitators in Texas, Texas wildlife regulations, and permit information: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) or call 1-800-792-1112

For information on bats, rabies, and other zoonotic diseases:

[www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis)  
San Antonio Animal Control 207-6660

Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility 295-4260

Editors note: Capt. Amyx is Chief, Diagnostics VETCOM Food Analysis & Diagnostic Laboratory

# Government Hill community celebrates historic renovations



◀Community and local business leaders join Sheila McNeil, representing District 2 Councilman John Sanders, State Representative Ruth McClendon, and Chief of Staff for Administration Phillip Cortez, representing Mayor Ed Garza, at a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 9, officially declaring New Braunfels Avenue open for business after 18 months of renovation.



◀Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, Precinct 3, joins Florence Alcoser, president, Government Hill Neighborhood Association, in celebrating the recent historic designation of Government Hill and the opening of New Braunfels Avenue Saturday.



◀The 323rd Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer Four John Fraser, joins the Government Hill community celebration marking the opening of New Braunfels Avenue. The "Dance Festival" featured various musical performers, dance troupes, and food booths. Businesses along New Braunfels Avenue were also open for business and offered a variety of specials.

Photos by:  
**Esther Garcia**

## Vehicle washing guidance for post housing residents

Residents may wash vehicles in family housing areas under the following restrictions:

- Always use a nozzle or shut off valve on the hose or use a bucket.
- Do not waste water by letting it run continuously.
- Do not park on the grass while washing the vehicle.
- Follow current water restrictions, when imposed.
- For more information call 221-4842.

### To join the mentor program:

**Go to:**  
The Fort Sam Houston Mentor Program office, in the Installation Chaplain's office, Bldg. 2530.

**Call:**  
Iva Winslow or Nancy Moore, Mentor Coordinator at 221-5005 or 5007.

# Grueling competition earns ...



▲ Sgt. Jared Hollow displays the agony of victory as he finishes his 12-miles of roadwork. Hollow also scored the highest on the written test.

Out of 158, 35 soldier medics earn EFMB after mentally and physically challenging competition

By Edward Rivera  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

As the soldiers crossed the finish line of their 12-mile march before the three-hour mark, they were assured that within the next few hours the Expert Field Medical Badge would be pinned on their chests.

From sighs of relief to huge grins of elation, from boisterous high fives to teary eyes of quiet pride and personal satisfaction, 35 Army Medical Department members ran the gamut of emotions on March 6 at Camp Bullis.

“Now I know why those who have earned the badge say it’s the award they’re most proud of,” said Capt. Randolph Harrison, AMEDD Center and School, Officer Basic Course instructor and distinguished graduate, to Staff Sgt. Kerry Harris, C Company, 187th Medical Battalion and road march first place finisher, as they recovered from the grueling 12-mile test.

Only two weeks prior 158 soldier medics, officer and enlisted arrived at Camp Bullis to compete for the badge that would distinguish them as the best of the best in field medical care.

Of the 158 competitors 87 represented Fort Sam Houston and 68 hailed from Fort Hood. Other installations represented were Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Lackland Air Force Base, Fort Carson, Col., Fort Jackson, S.C., and Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

The field of participants was cut drastically after the first challenge, which was the written test. Of the original 158 only 68 remained eligible to continue their quest.

Then came the physical fitness test, followed by a series of lanes, which tested the soldier medics’ ability in various areas such as EMT skills.

According to Capt. Burke Bristow, commander, B Company, Academy Battalion, each day held unique mental

See **EFMB** on page 19

*“The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena,  
whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood;  
who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again,  
who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions,  
and spends himself in a worthy cause;  
who at best, knows the triumph of high achievement;  
and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly,  
so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls  
who know neither victory nor defeat.”*

**Theodore Roosevelt,  
“Citizen in a Republic,”  
April 23, 1910**

▼ 1st Lt. John Kerns, Brooke Army Medical Center, (left) and 2nd Lt. Moises Soto, executive officer, D Company, 187th Medical Battalion, raise their rifles as onlookers cheer them across the finish line.





▲ Brig. Gen. Daniel F. Perugini, commander, Brooke Army Medical Center, returns a salute from Capt. Burke Bristow, after pinning his Expert Field Medical Badge March 6 at Camp Bullis.



▲ Staff Sgt. Kerry Harris, C Company, 187th Medical Battalion first to cross the finish line of the Expert Field Medical Badge 12-mile road march. His finishing time was two hours and fifteen minutes.

## ... medics 'badge of courage'

From *EFMB* on page 18

and physical challenges. "The most challenging event for me was the EMT lane and trying to stay mentally focused on completing all the required tasks for that lane," said Bristow.

After the lanes, 39 competitors remained for the next two events, the CPR test, which all 39 passed, and the 12-mile march that would be the most physically demanding test for the remaining soldiers.

"Everybody here is very focused," said 2nd Lt. Moises Soto, executive officer, D Company, 187th Medical Battalion. "But there is also a great sense of camaraderie. We are all in it together, experiencing the physical and emotional

challenges of our quest."

Of the 39 soldiers beginning the road march at 5 a.m., 35 finished within the three-hour time limit allotted. The first soldier to cross the finish line, Staff Sgt. Harris said his goal was to be the first across, and he was.

Brig. Gen. Daniel F. Perugini, commander, Brooke Army Medical Center, was there to pin the EFMB badges on the proud soldiers. However, before presenting the soldiers with their badges Perugini honored all the participants with stirring words from President Theodore Roosevelt.

"Although he (Theodore Roosevelt) wasn't speaking about the EFMB his words apply to all those who took up the

challenge and put their all in competing for this badge," said Perugini.

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena. Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again. Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who at best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat," said Theodore Roosevelt, "*Citizen in a Republic*," April 23, 1910.

*"Now I know why those who have earned the badge say it's the award they're most proud of."*

**Capt. Randolph Harrison,  
AMEDDC&S instructor  
and distinguished graduate**



▲ Capt. Greer Evans-Christopher, A Company, 232<sup>nd</sup> Medical Battalion, crosses the finish line of the Expert Field Medical Badge 12-mile road march.



▲ (Left) 2nd Lt. Moises Soto, executive officer, D Company 187 Medical Battalion looks listen and feels while practicing one-man cardio-pulmonary resuscitation shortly before taking his CPR test March 5. (Right) Soto performs a series of chest compressions in preparation for his CPR test during his pursuit of the Expert Field Medical Badge.

▼ First to finish the Expert Field Medical Badge 12-mile road march was Staff Sgt. Kerry Harris, C Company, 187th Medical Battalion. Harris is joined by unit members on his way toward the finish line.



Photos by:  
**Edward Rivera**

# 228<sup>th</sup> exercises multi-component staff ...



▲ Spc. Kelli Callaway prepares surgical instrument sets used during operating room procedures training incorporated into the hospital MASCAL exercise.



▲ (Top) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Leonard Allen and Pvt. Villoria Meja attend to a patient in the emergency medical treatment unit. After triage, patients were sent to the emergency room and either directly to surgery or intensive care.

▲ Lt. Col. Jim Hester, evaluates a patient arriving at the triage area from the forward surgical team. The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute staff worked with the 228<sup>th</sup> CSH staff to develop a realistic scenario that supported exercise training objectives.

► Chaplain (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Anton Ciomperik gives last rites to a soldier arriving at the 228<sup>th</sup> CSH emergency medical unit.

▼ Medics assigned to the 628<sup>th</sup> Forward Surgical Team breakout equipment and medical supply kits to set-up operations supporting the 228<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital mass casualty training exercise. Commanded by Col. (Dr.) Gerald Greenfield, the team provides initial resuscitative surgery and evacuation to the hospital.



▼ Spc. Jaime Vasquez, 111 Area Support Medical Battalion, Texas Army National Guard, provided ambulance service from the forward surgical team to 228<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital triage operations.





◀Lt.Col. (Dr.) Schuyler DeJong works with his surgical team Lt. Col. Scott Marschean, Sgt. Heidie Propst, Spc. Kelli Callaway and Sgt. Angelo Fiore during the 228<sup>th</sup> CSH MASCAL exercise providing realistic operating room training. The 228<sup>th</sup> is a multicomponent unit with a total assigned staff of 575, 298 reservists joined by 247 active duty members. The hospital also has 30 Reserve and Active permanent staff assigned.

# ... realistic training during MASCAL



◀Staff members document patient care in the 228<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital intensive care unit. Critically ill and injured soldiers are taken to the ICU for pre-operative and post-operative care.

◀Pfc. Carmen Swanson sets up the port-a-ray X-ray machine in the emergency medical treatment unit. The radiology section took actual film of simulated patients to train on the equipment and work with EMT staff members as they normally would in a combat environment.

►Medics move patients from triage to the ICU area. The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute prepared more than 40 patients with representative moulage wounds to support the exercise.

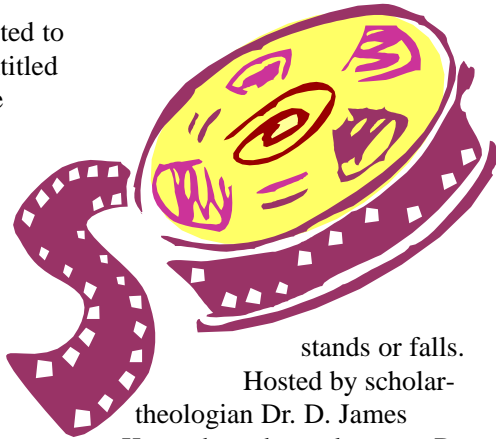


Photos by:  
**Phil Reidinger**

# One-hour video to be presented, ‘Who is this Jesus: Is He Risen?’

The community is invited to view a one-hour video entitled “Who Is This Jesus: Is He Risen?” will be presented at Dodd Field Chapel on March 27 at noon. Dodd Field Chapel is located on Dodd Blvd. in the Watkins Terrace housing area, just off Winans Road (which runs between the Reserve Center and National Cemetery.) The chapel is also known as the Family Life Center, Bldg. 1721. For information, call Robb Wood, 221-5428 or 221-5010.

Almost 2000 years after Roman soldiers executed a Jewish man who claimed to be God, the mystery remains. Did Jesus Christ-as his followers then and since have loudly proclaimed-really walk out of the tomb? Or is that claim a fraud or fairy tale? Watch “Who Is This Jesus: Is He Risen?” at Dodd Field Chapel as experts, liberal and conservative, offer surprising insights into the central question on which Christianity



stands or falls. Hosted by scholar-theologian Dr. D. James Kennedy and popular actor Dean Jones, this powerful primetime production features Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and skeptical scholars from institutions such as Westminster Abbey, Harvard, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, the Jesus Seminar, and Princeton.

Shot at a monastery built in 1141, with gorgeous photography from Israel and elsewhere, “Who Is This Jesus: Is He Risen?” takes viewers through the maze of theories offered to explain or explain away the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And it leads them to what is for millions an inescapable conclusion.

# Experience ‘The Passion of Jesus’ at Evans Theater

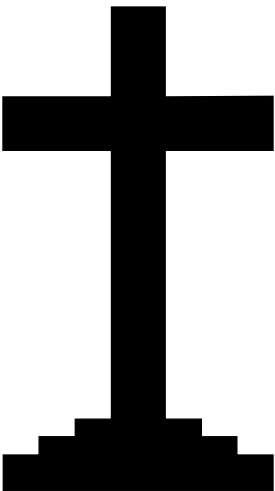
The Fort Sam Houston AMEDD Regimental Chapel will sponsor a presentation of Simon Peter, Fisherman from Galilee and Apostle of Jesus Christ, in “The Passion of Jesus.” This life-changing presentation will be held at the Evans Auditorium on Good Friday, March 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

In this unique presentation, Simon Peter shares the Easter story with dramatic action and in graphic detail. Admission is free and the public is invited. Tickets are available by calling the AMEDD Regimental Chapel at 221-4210/4362.

## Passionate Passion

According to the Webster’s Dictionary, passion is “an intense emotion,” and passionate is “the expression of intense feelings.” It is very interesting that the first example Webster gives for the definition is “the sufferings of Christ between the night of the Last Supper and his death.” Truly this was the most intense episode in the life of Christ, a time in which he expressed incredible love by giving his life so that others may live. Now, that is Passion!

This is the season of Lent, a season of soul-searching and spiritual preparation before Easter. The climax of this season is on Good Friday, commemorating the Crucifixion of Christ. For Christians around the world this is the time when God becomes most passionate and most personal.



## Post worship schedule

### Protestant

- Sunday:
- 8 a.m. Service, AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Bldg. 1398
  - 9 a.m. Traditional Service, Installation Chaplain’s Office, Bldg.2530
  - 9:15 a.m. Troop Service, Evans Auditorium, Bldg. 1396
  - 10 a.m. Service, BAMC Chapel
  - 10:45 a.m. Gospel Service, Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721
  - 11 a.m. Service, AMEDD Regimental Chapel
  - 11:15 a.m. Gospel Service, Evans Auditorium
  - 12:30 Spanish Service, AMEDD Regimental Chapel
- Wednesday:
- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. PWOC meeting, Dodd Field Chapel (Childcare is provided for those who attend PWOC meeting).
  - 12 p.m. Bible Study, Dodd Field Chapel
  - 12 p.m. Service, BAMC Chapel

### Catholic

- Saturday:
- 5:30 p.m. Mass, AMEDD Regimental Chapel
- Sunday:
- 8:30 a.m. Mass, BAMC Chapel
  - 9:15 a.m. Mass, Dodd Field Chapel
  - 9:15 a.m. Mass, AMEDD Regimental Chapel
  - 11:15 a.m. Mass, BAMC Chapel
  - \*12:45 p.m. Mass, Dodd Field Chapel
  - \*Bilingual Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month (For information call 590-6593).

- Weekdays:
- 11 a.m. Mass, BAMC Chapel
  - 11:30 a.m. Mass, AMEDD Regimental Chapel

- 1st Friday:
- 9 a.m. Mass Catholic Women, Dodd Field Chapel

### Jewish

- Friday:
- 8 p.m. Service, Dodd Field Chapel
  - 8:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat, Dodd Field Chapel (For information call 379-8666 or 493-6660)

### Mormon

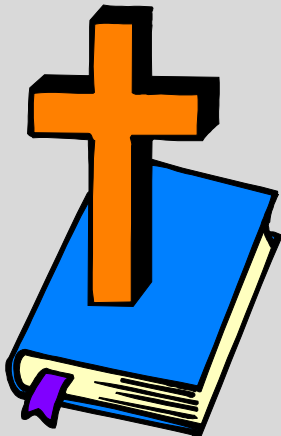
- Sunday:
- 10:30 a.m. Bldg. 1350, Room 1, Koehler Road, across from Evans Auditorium

- Wednesday:
- 7 p.m. LDS Studies, Bldg. 1350, Room 1

### Muslim

- Sunday:
- 10:30 a.m. Religious Education, Bldg. 607A, Infantry Post
- Friday:
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Bldg. 607A, Infantry Post
- Thursday:
- 8 p.m. Adult Religious Education, Bldg. 607A, Infantry Post

**Note:** The Post Gift Chapel is closed for renovations indefinitely. Chaplain Administrative Offices are located at Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721, phone number 221-5432. Garrison staff duty officer, (after duty) 221-2810.



## Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31  
6:30 a.m.

Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle  
With a Gospel Message from  
Chaplain (Colonel) Phillip Hill  
Roman Catholic Priest  
**Executive Officer to the Chief of Chaplains**



Join us for the Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection  
Singing and Preaching of the Word  
Refreshments to Follow

### Main Tax Assistance Center

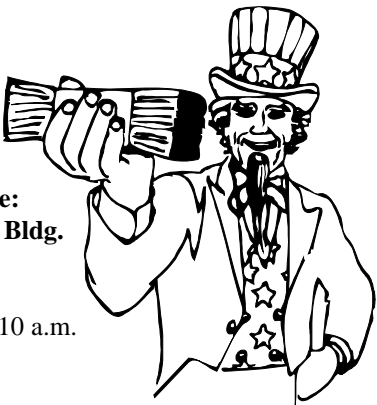
Hours of operation  
Monday - Friday , 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday,10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Satellite locations are available:  
Center Brigade Headquarters, Bldg. 902

Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sign-in, Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Brooke Army Medical Center

Rooms 513-14 and 513-15  
Tuesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sign-in Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



# First Lady hosts ‘Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers’ conclave

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

### Conference

Nearly 130 top educators and education advocates from across the country, including Troops to Teachers participants, gathered in the East Room March 5 for the White House Conference on Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers.

“This conference is about making sure teachers have what they need. That includes a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of teaching skills and subject content, the ability to assess each student’s specific needs and (apply) the most effective instructional methods and materials so that students make the greatest academic gains,” said first lady Laura Bush, host of the three-hour conclave.

The room was packed with legislators, university and business leaders, teacher education advocates, teachers’ unions, principals, teachers, public policy organizations, foundations and Troops to Teachers participants from across the country.

Twelve speakers talked about research, credentialing, training, innovative programs to lure people to teaching as a second career, personal classroom experiences, moving from a military career into the world of educating America’s youth and other alternative routes to teaching.

“When I was working as a teacher, I saw how important it was to have a very thorough knowledge of the subjects I was teaching and to be able to monitor my students’ progress and to adjust my teaching

approach to meet their needs,” said Bush, a former inner city schoolteacher herself.

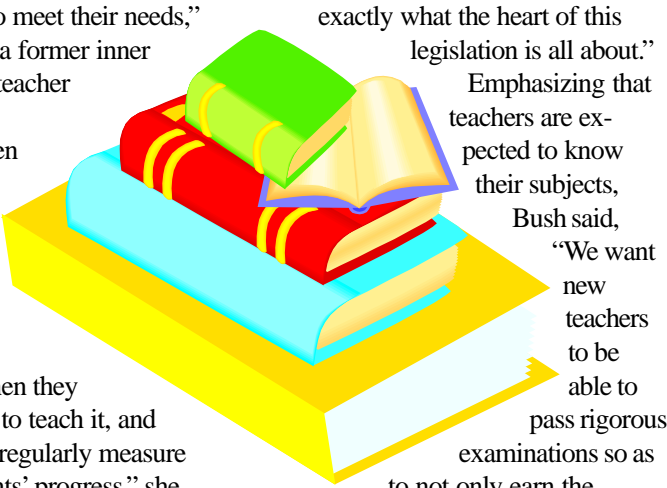
“Children achieve when their teachers clearly know their subject, when they know how to teach it, and when they regularly measure their students’ progress,” she emphasized.

### Highlights

To ensure its youth learn from the best teachers the country has to offer, the first lady said, America must address three issues: the growing teacher shortage; improved teaching standards; and a means to be sure students are learning what they need to know in every subject.

President Bush joined the first lady and told the large audience, “We’ve set a high bar here in Washington as a result of federal reform. We expect a lot. We expect children to learn. We believe every child can learn, and we want to know whether they are or not.”

He said his administration wants to measure progress. “If you use the accountability system properly, you can determine whether a curriculum is working or not, whether classroom instruction methodology is working,” the president said. “More importantly, you can detect problems early and secure them before it’s too late. Every child matters, and that’s



exactly what the heart of this legislation is all about.”

Emphasizing that teachers are expected to know their subjects, Bush said, “We want new teachers to be able to pass rigorous examinations so as to not only earn the confidence of parents and administrators, but to increase the professionalism of a very important field.”

Teachers are also expected to be able to communicate basic skills and welcome measurement and accountability, he noted. “We expect them, as always, to be examples to our children, to live a life of good character,” the president said.

Teachers have a right to expect certain things, too, such as parents teaching their children good manners and respect for the teacher in the classroom, Bush said. He added they also have the right to expect support for their professional development and to be treated like professionals.

Bush said his administration is committed to having “a quality teacher in every classroom in America.” And to do this, the nation has made the greatest federal investment ever in quality teachers and principals through the No Child Left Behind Act. The act allows schools the flexibility to use federal funds for recruiting new

teachers, improving teacher training or to increase teacher pay in critical need areas.

“We have made \$3 billion of grants available to states to recruit, to prepare and to train teachers, a 35 percent increase over last year’s budget,” Bush said. “We’re focusing much of the teacher training effort on specific needs, like special education or math or science, and one of my passions, early reading.”

Calling reading “the new civil right,” the president said the Reading First program is aimed at making sure every child of every background can read by the third grade.

“If you can’t read, you can’t realize the great American dream,” he added. “We want every child to read, and I believe with the right focus, right effort, every child will read in America. And the country is going to be a lot better off for it.”

**Troops to Teachers**

Among the 12 speakers was retired Army Staff Sgt. Arthur Moore, who entered the teaching profession through the Troops to Teachers Program. Noting that his lifelong dream was to be a teacher, Moore said he joined the Army to save money to continue his education and ended up serving more than 21 years.

During that time, he attended night school to earn a bachelor’s degree in business administration at National College in Colorado Springs, Colo. He has since received a master’s degree in

special education from Coppin State College in Baltimore and is a special educator working with students with special needs and their parents.

“I never gave up my hope of someday becoming a teacher,” Moore told the gathering.

As his military career neared its end, he saw a notice about Troops to Teachers, applied and was accepted into the program. With the program’s assistance, he moved his family from Colorado to Maryland, obtained his teaching certificate and went to work in the Baltimore school system seven years ago.

“Teaching is a profession that we can’t take lightly,” Moore emphasized. “We are charged by our community to prepare young minds to be our future leaders. There are many members of the armed forces who can answer the call to serve. Troops to Teachers can provide the bridge needed for those wishing to step into the classroom.

“These members bring a wealth of experience,” he pointed out. “The military trains its members to be leaders, to accomplish missions given and above all, to take care of those below them. These skills can be a great asset when working with children.”

Moore said nearly a quarter of all Troops to Teachers participants work in inner city schools. “Since its inception in 1994, nearly 80 percent are still in the classroom proudly serving,” he said.

## AAFES recalls “Monsters In The Closet” children’s books

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the U.S. consumer Product Safety Commission, and Random House Inc. of New York, are voluntarily recalling copies of “Monsters In The Closet” children’s books. According to CPSC, the snap that secures the book could detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. AAFES sold these books from October 2001 to January 2002.

Consumers are advised to cut

off the snap from these books immediately and mail the snap to: Tri-State, C/O Marie Corsello, 325 Rabro Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788 to receive a free replacement book valued at approximately \$9.

For additional information, contact Random House at (800) 493-0009, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the web site at <http://www.randomhouse.com>.

## FSH ISD regular Board meeting announced

The Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on March 28 at 11 a.m., at the Fort Sam Houston ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.

## Easter shopping at the Thrift Shop

Looking for that perfect Easter bonnet or dress, cone and check out the ever-changing merchandise at the Post Thrift Shop. Check out the large selection of dresses and suits for Easter. The boutique has a beautiful selection of jewelry and accessories to match. Other merchandise includes Easter baskets, stuffed rabbits and miscellaneous Easter decorations for the home and office.

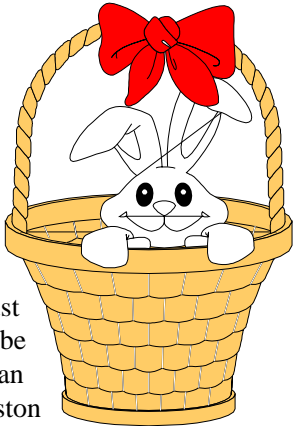
The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and the second Saturday of each month form 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are accepted until noon each day.

The store will be closed March 27-28 in an effort to give the volunteers some time off. The store will reopen on April 3.

The Thrift Shop is located in Building 230, Liscum Road (behind the Quadrangle and across from the Tax Office). Please call 225-4682 for more information.

### Welfare application deadline fast approaching

The Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop deadline for submitting applications for welfare requests is March 21. Organizations requesting financial aide must submit an application form to the Thrift Shop. Completed applications may be brought to the Thrift Shop to Peggy Riley or Theresa Parker. Applications can also be mailed to: Thrift Shop, 2241 Liscum Road, Suite 31, Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234-5031.



## Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Weekly Campus Activities

March 18 - 22, 2002

**Fort Sam Houston Elementary School**  
**March 18**  
Begin Fourth Nine Weeks

**March 21**  
Report Cards Go Home

**March 22**  
Spirit Day

**March 18**  
UIL One Act Play Performance at Randolph High School – 4 p.m.

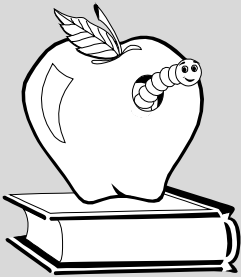
**March 19**  
Baseball vs. Nixon-Smilely at Cole – 4:15 p.m.

**March 20**  
Cheerleader Workshop / Tryouts in Moseley Gym – 3:30 – 5 p.m.

**March 21**  
Cheerleader Workshop / Tryouts in Moseley Gym – 3:30 – 5 p.m.

**March 22**  
Cheerleader Workshop / Tryouts in Moseley Gym – 3:30 – 5 p.m.  
Boys Golf Tourney at Devine – 8:30 a.m.  
Tennis Teams at Clemens / Judson Tournament - TBA

**March 23**  
Tennis Teams at Clemens/Judson Tournament - TBA  
Boys and Girls Track Meet at Poth – All Day



Tee Time

Air Guard chiefs sponsor golf tournament

The Chiefs Council of the Texas Air National Guard’s 149th Fighter Wing is sponsoring a golf tournament April 1 at the Gateway Golf Course on Lackland Air Force Base.

Show time is 11 a.m. with tee-off at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$35 per person with proceeds to benefit the council’s scholarship award program.

Last year the Chiefs Council awarded four \$500 college scholarships to children of current and former 149th Fighter Wing members.

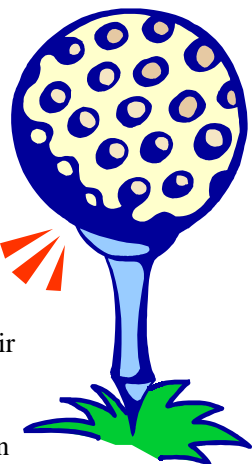
To register, contact Chief Master Sgt. Carlos Castillo at 366-1909, extension 229, or Master Sgt. Craig Austad at 977-3731.

Tee it up after taxes

The Fort Sam Houston Intramural Golf Season will begin April 16.

All active duty military, family members and Department of Defense civilians and contractors are welcome to join.

For more information on the golf season call Brett Niles at 221-2301 or email him at [nilesb@samhou.5tharmy.Army.mil](mailto:nilesb@samhou.5tharmy.Army.mil). Or call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail him at [Earl.Young@cen.amedd.Army.mil](mailto:Earl.Young@cen.amedd.Army.mil).



◀From left to right, Charles Bishop, volunteer Cole High School Golf Team coach along with Adam Annez, 16 and Sean Zeeger, 16, watch Martin Carpenter, 16, practice his putting. Bishop is a Professional Golf Association teaching professional at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club and has been teaching since 1971. Bishop decided to coach the Cole team as a way to spark interest for the sport in the local youth. Any one interested in learning from Bishop can call the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club at 222-9386.

Photo by: Edward Rivera

Sports Shorts

**Bench Press Contest** - March 16 at 10:40 a.m. Weigh-ins begin at 9:40 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Call 221-1234 for more information.

**Aerobathon** - March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Come out and challenge yourself to three hours of non-stop aerobics. Cost is \$10 per participant; all participants receive a T-shirt! The Aerobathon is open to military ID cardholders and FSH DoD civilians. Call Lucian Kimble at 221-1234 or 867-1329 for more information.

**Triathlon “Du an Indoor Tri”** - March 30, check-in no later than 7:30 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The fee is \$35 before March 24 and \$45 after. Call 221-4893/3185 or 826-1888 for more information.

**Scuba Diving Certification Classes** - Join us for this exciting underwater adventure and get your PADI and NAUI certification. The next class will start April 15 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. All Scuba gear is furnished. Classes run in 2 - 3 week sessions and cost \$190 per participant. Call 221-1234 or 658-7495 for more information.

**Women’s Varsity Softball** - Players are still needed for the women’s softball team. If interested, call Earl Young at 221-1180.

Recreation & Fitness Division News

**Get Your Vehicle Ready for Spring** – With hot weather coming, why not have your AC serviced at the Fort Sam Auto Craft Shop. For information, call 224-7046.

**PCS-ing?** - Get rid of some junk or find some new treasures at the post-wide Garage Sale on May 4 in the parking lot of the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797 on Stanley Rd. All garage sale participants on and off-post will be required to set up and sell from the parking lot. For registration and information, call 221-2926.

**Camp Bullis 3-D Archery Shoot** - March 23 and 24. Call 295-7577 for more information.

**Hunter/Jumper Horseshow** - March 23 starting at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$8 per class or \$50 all you can ride on privately owned horses, or \$10 per class or \$75 all you can ride on government horses. All horses must have a negative Coggins test. For more information, call Cindy Tripoli at 224-7207.

Sports Standings

Intramural Basketball Standings

Final March 6

Team	W	L
5 <sup>th</sup> Army	12	0
BAMC #1	11	2
Old School	10	3
NCO Academy	9	4
232 <sup>nd</sup> Med Bn	9	4
DFAS	8	5
BAMC #2	8	5
HHC MEDCOM	5	7
SA MEPS	4	8
ITBC	4	9
BAMC #3	4	9
Co A STB	3	9
228 <sup>th</sup> CSH	2	11
ISR	0	12
147 <sup>th</sup> Med Log	2	6 (Dropped)
STB (USAG)	2	4 (Dropped)

March 5

BAMC #1	47	SA MEPS	37
DFAS	63	SA MEPS	32
Old School	67	ITBC	59
BAMC #3	47	228 <sup>th</sup> CSH	45
NCO Academy	46	232 <sup>nd</sup> Med Bn	34

Note: ISR will not be in the End of Season Tournament

Intramural Volleyball Standings

As of March 7

Team	W	L
DFAS	5	1
BAMC #1	4	1
BAMC #2	3	3
NCO Academy	3	4
147 <sup>th</sup> Med Log	2	3
5 <sup>th</sup> Army	1	2
HHC MEDCOM	0	4

March 4

BAMC #1	2	DFAS	1
BAMC #1	2	NCO Academy	1
NCO Academy	2	HHC MEDCOM1	

March 6

DFAS	2	BAMC #2	1
NCO Academy	2	BAMC #2	1
NOC Academy	2	147 <sup>th</sup> Med Log	0



## Employment opportunity in Korea

James H. Downing, chief, 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Civilian Recruiting Office, Seattle, Wash., will conduct two briefings at in Bldg. 2263, Room B101 (basement), on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended. For reservations, e-mail: [Robert.D.Stephens@nws02.usace.army.mil](mailto:Robert.D.Stephens@nws02.usace.army.mil) or call (206) 764-3821, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. PST (Closed Fridays) or via facsimile to (206) 764-6705.

Applications must be submitted via electronic Resumix system in accordance with directions provided in the individual announcement. Applications must be received on or before the closing date; therefore, do not delay submitting applications solely because you plan to attend one of the briefings. Applications cannot be accepted at the briefings. Individuals are encouraged to visit the Web site: <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/eusacro> or the Army Web site <http://cpol.army.mil> to view current vacancy list and announcement.

## Soldier-students beware!

Recently it has come to the attention of the Education Services Officer that some soldiers are choosing to work on or get degrees from non-accredited colleges and universities, many on-line.

The Army will not provide tuition assistance to nor recognize for career purposes, a degree from a college or university that is not recognized by the Department of Education as being accredited. Additionally, the credits earned will not transfer to a properly accredited institution.

These colleges and universities may have web-sites, courses and degrees that seem fine, even stating that they are accredited by certain agencies. However, if the Department of Education does not recognize the accrediting agency, the Army will not recognize it. Agencies and schools choose to be accredited, and therefore must pass and adhere to comprehensive Department of Education standards covering all areas of operation. Often, a school or agency that does not accept any federal funding will choose not to be accredited by an agency approved by the Department of Education.

The only way a soldier will know for sure that the school of his choice is accredited correctly is to contact his or her Army Education Center at 221-1738.

## New and improved link offers job opportunities

Job Announcements for positions at Fort Sam Houston are issued by the North Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. When applying for positions, please be sure to follow the "how to apply" instructions contained in the Job Opportunity Announcement.

Copies of announcements and the opportunity to apply for positions on-line are available on the Internet at: <http://cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/public.html>. Once connected to this site, a search screen will appear in which you will have the opportunity to enter a

specific vacancy announcement number or search for jobs in categories in which you are interested.

Alternatively you may view all positions available at Fort Sam Houston by clicking on the following link: [http://cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/build\\_search.cgi?Submit=Search\\_States&State\\_List=TX-Texas](http://cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/build_search.cgi?Submit=Search_States&State_List=TX-Texas) and entering the word HOUSTON in the space that asks for City/Installation name.

One final way to view jobs available at Fort Sam Houston is to drag or save the new icon to your computer desktop. The new link updates the previously one. Once placed on your desktop you may simply click on it while

connected to the Internet to Display Fort Sam Houston Positions. If you are using the old link, please replace it with the new one.

Hard to fill Medical Positions available at Fort Sam Houston and at other locations throughout the United States may be found at: [http://cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/special\\_categories.cgi?Category=DEU-med](http://cpol.army.mil/va/scripts/special_categories.cgi?Category=DEU-med)

You may obtain copies of announcements and instructions on how to apply from the Job Information Center in Bldg. 144, 1410 Stanley Road, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.



## Career Clips

*The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP office, Bldg. 2264 or call 221-1213.*

**Administrative Assistant.** San Antonio - Performs a wide variety of professional administrative duties in support of the activities of assigned department. Coordinates office services and provides information and assistance to the public regarding the department.

**Reimbursement Operations Coordinator - Data Entry.** San Antonio - Position is in a medical billing office and requires basic knowledge in ICD-9 and CPT-4 codes with heavy emphasis on reading EOB's for all payers.

**Job Developer.** San Antonio - Interviews and evaluates for subsidized employment and training. Updates record of current job openings and assists participants in gaining unsubsidized employment.

**Driver Check-In Clerk.** San Antonio - Count and deposit truck driver's payments and documentation received during route deliveries. Cash handling, accounting or related experience required.



Photo by Emily Freeman

▲Congratulations to the following U.S. Army Garrison Employees of the Quarter for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, FY 2002: Left to right, Karmen Holmes, Community Activities Business Center, Col. Douglas Biggerstaff, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Zane Aschbacher, Information Technology Business Center, and Charles Kennedy, Human Resources Business Center. Not in photo is Andrea White, Human Resource Business Center.

## SA Tech News launches SA Tech Jobs

Approximately 300 technology advocates attended launch

San Antonio based online vortal SA Tech News officially launched SA Tech Jobs, [www.satechjobs.com](http://www.satechjobs.com), Thursday night at the San Antonio Technology Center. Approximately 300 local technology advocates were in attendance at SA Tech News' Let's Do LAUNCH! event, a high octane high tech mixer to celebrate the announcement.

SA Tech Jobs is "Just for Technology. Just for San Antonio," according to Mike Lambers, SA Tech News co-founder and president of MARKETRENDS, [www.marketrends.info](http://www.marketrends.info). "SA

Tech Jobs is the natural next phase in the evolution of our vertical portal (vortal) business model", Lambers said. "It was in our plan from the beginning, but we accelerated the development process at the urging of several local technology employers."

SA Tech News co-founder John Hill, president and CEO of CFCTI, LLC, [www.cfcti.com](http://www.cfcti.com), told the Let's Do LAUNCH! audience that "David Spencer, Founder of OnBoard Software, co-chair, SATAI and 2002 chairman of the San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce Technology Council, strongly encouraged us to develop a jobs

board. In fact, the SA Tech News staff has received inquiries about an online job site from numerous job seekers and employers over the last few months.

We feel that the timing is right and we've priced the service for rapid growth, Lambers explained. "Of course job seekers can post resume information for free. Employers pay a flat rate monthly fee to post job openings and search for candidates. Our March Only introductory price for employers is \$50 per month. That allows them unlimited job postings and unlimited candidate searches.

Other programs are available depending on the employers size. We're also developing alliances with companies that serve the HR marketplace."

Bill McGaw and Duane Craig are the programmers for the SA Tech Jobs software interface and engine. They've mapped out an aggressive development plan for feature enhancements.

The addition of SA Tech Jobs to the SA Tech News family marks a major milestone in the short history of the venture. SA Tech News, jointly owned by MARKETRENDS and CFCTI, LLC, was launched less than a year ago on August 2, 2001.

# Fort Freebies

All Freebies are published on a first come, first serve basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended solely for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, contact Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail it to: [news.leader@amedd.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@amedd.army.mil) or fax it to 221-1198. Ensure your military/Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appears on request.

**For Sale:** Two parakeets, one blue, one yellow, with cage for \$10. Encyclopedia Britannica 1989 with 7 yearbooks (39 books total) \$30. Call (210)224-2655.

**For Sale:** Rottweilers, AKC, 6-weeks old, 3 male \$400, 6 female \$350, parents on site, 1st shots and wormed, excellent pedigree. Call (210)-662-4011.

**For Sale:** Teac reel-to-reel tape deck with auto reverse, \$100. 45" Mitsubishi color TV with cabinet, \$300 obo. Teac ANS 180 noise reduction unit for stereo, \$25. Call Mac at (210)-493-0183.

**For Rent:** House, 3-1-1, family room, living room, kitchen/dining area, fenced backyard at 4403 First View, off Perrin Beitel near the main Post Office. Application required. \$675 a month plus deposits. Call (210)490-8786.

**For Sale:** 1994 Toyota 4x4 pickup with many extras, \$6,300 obo. Call (210)854-6802 or (210)-599-7778.

**For Sale:** Gas dryer in excellent condition, \$125 obo. Boys clothing, newborn to size 4, \$1-\$15.

Crib mattress, \$35. Call 481-3609.

**For Sale:** Side-by-side refrigerator with ice and water dispenser, 42.5 cu. ft., \$125. Portable basketball backboard with weighted stand, \$75. Call 832-8989.

**For Sale:** Sofa and love seat, great condition, taupe in color, first to see will buy, \$500. Entertainment center, \$50. Call 804-2455.

**For Sale:** Crib, \$40, Cosco stroller, \$30, Cosco Infant/toddler car seat, \$10, front brake pads for 96 Hyundai Accent, \$5, LeBra bra for 96 Hyundai Accent, \$15. Chilton repair manual for 99 Pontiac Sunfire, \$15. Best offer will be considered. Call 930-5420.

**Garage Sale:** 6103 Windy Forest, March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Queen mattress, microwave, recliner, clothes, and much more. Call 637-1404.

**Lost:** A male neutered white and orange tabby cat lost Friday on Foulis Rd. Call (210) 241-4502 if found.

**Moving Sale:** 721 Patch Rd. March 16 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



# ¿Que Pasa?



## Community events

### ***“Something’s Afoot” now showing at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre***

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre is featuring “Something’s Afoot,” a musical Wednesday through Saturday evenings now through March 23. Prices are \$26.95 on Friday and Saturday and \$23.95 on Wednesday and Thursday. Military discounts are available. To make reservations, call 222-9694.

### ***FSH Officers’ Civilian Spouses Club Luncheon, March 19***

The FSH Officers’ Civilian Spouses Club will host a Joint Services Luncheon on March 19 at 11 a.m. at the Officers’ Club. The guest speaker will be Wendy Rigby of KENS-5 TV. For reservations, call Brenda Hebron at 444-0259.

### ***S.A. Retired Officers Association Luncheon, March 20***

The San Antonio Retired Officers’ Association will host a luncheon on March 20 at the Randolph AFB Officers’ Club. Social hour begins at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. David Carpenter, District 10 Councilman, will be the keynote speaker. For information call 228-9955.

### ***Military Job Fair, March 20***

The semi-annual San Antonio military community job fair will be held on March 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center on Pat Booker Blvd. and I-35 North. More than 100 employers will be recruiting for various types of positions. 1,000 to 2,000 military, DoD civilian employees, veterans, and family members have attended previous fairs. For information call 221-1213. A current list of registered employers may be viewed at <http://www.toonline.com/generalpages/careerfairs.asp#SA>.

### ***“The Capitol Steps” at Laurie Auditorium, March 24***

The Barshop JCC Performing Arts Series presents the funniest musical political satire troupe, “The Capitol Steps” on March 24 at 7:30 p.m., Laurie Auditorium 715 Stadium Drive. Admission is \$50, \$45, and \$40 Orchestra and \$25, \$20 Balcony seats. For information call 302-6828 or purchase tickets through Ticketmaster at 224-9600 or the Laurie Auditorium Box Office.

### ***S.A.M.C. Induction Ceremony, March 26***

On March 26 the FSH Chapter MEDCOM Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will conduct an induction ceremony honoring the two newest member of this elite organization, Staff Sgt. Joseph Casey, 314<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence and Staff Sgt. Rachell Daniels, Brooke Army Medical Center. The ceremony will be held at the NCO Club beginning at 2:30 p.m. The event is free and the public is invited.

## Volunteers needed

### ***Help Schertz construct a library playscape***

The city of Schertz is looking for volunteers now through March 17 to help with a five-day community project to construct a children’s playscape. The project is located adjacent to the city of Schertz library. Volunteers are needed for three daily shifts from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Meals will be provided for volunteers. Childcare is also available. If interested, call Norma Head at 651-5395 or Gal Douglas at 658-6011.

### ***Calling all single soldiers to join BOSS***

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. at the Hacienda Recreation Center. The BOSS committee is established at an installation to furnish soldier input to the commander, who uses committee recommendations as the basis for improving single soldier MWR programs and enhancing the quality of life. For more information, please contact the current BOSS president Spc. Jeffrey Briere at 637-2229 or Sgt. Lorna Lewis 916-3344.

### ***Runners sought for Washington D.C. Marathon***

Runners interested in joining a group to train for and to run the Inaugural Washington D.C. Marathon scheduled for March 24 should contact Sgt. Lorna Lewis via e-mail to [lorna.lewis@cen.amedd.army.mil](mailto:lorna.lewis@cen.amedd.army.mil) or call 916-3344 or 930-4426.

## In the classroom

### ***Learn more about benefits***

Soldiers whose Date Initially Entered Military Service (DIEMS) is on or after August 1, 1986, should attend a briefing on the Career Status Bonus, Reduced Retirement Plan and Thrift Savings Plan. Transition Services offers monthly briefings in Bldg. 2267 at 9 a.m. on the following dates: Mar. 12, Apr 16, May 14, June 11, July 16, Aug. 13 and Sept. 17, 2002. To attend a briefing or obtain more information, call 221-2467 or 221-0936.

### ***Free art classes for talented young students***

The Ella Austin Community Center, 1023 N.Pine St. is sponsoring the Artist-in-the-Making program now through April 26. This program is a free program for children in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through middle school who like to draw paint or sculpt and want to learn from a professional artist. For more information call Loida Molloy at 224-2351.

### ***Botanical Center sponsors children’s garden***

Spring Garden Sessions meet every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. until early June. This is a great opportunity for children ages 8 to 13 to learn about basic vegetable gardening from experienced gardeners.

Topics taught include basic organic gardening, soil preparation, planting, watering and harvesting. Participants should be committed to attend every week. The registration fee is \$5. For information call the San Antonio Botanical Center at 207-3255.

### ***ESL classes taught at the Roadrunner***

English as a second language classes are held on Fort Sam Houston at the Roadrunner Community Center and are free. They are designed especially for foreign-born spouses to increase reading comprehension, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Classes are appropriate for beginner, intermediate and advanced students with individualized group instruction. The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program and the Region 20 Education Center sponsor classes. To register, call 221-2418.

### ***Next SAEDA training, March 27***

In accordance with Army Regulation 380-5 Department of the Army Information Security Program and army Regulations 381-12, Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army (SAEDA), all Department of the Army personnel, military and civilian regardless of clearance and or access level held will receive SAED training at lease biennially. The Readiness and Logistics Business Center’s counterintelligence and Security Office will be offering this training on March 27, June 26, and Sept 25. Training will last approximately one hour.

Request unit representatives provide RLBC training Division with a list of individuals requiring SAEDA training and date available for training. For information call Edward Hrna at 221-1620 or e-mail: [edward\\_hrna@amedd.army.mil](mailto:edward_hrna@amedd.army.mil)

## Otras Cosas

### ***USO offers income tax services for active duty service members***

The San Antonio USO is offering free income tax preparation assistance for active duty military personnel every Saturday through April 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. Appointments made be made by calling 227-9373. The USO Center is located at 420 East Commerce Street, downtown San Antonio.

### ***St. Patrick’s Day River Parade, March 17***

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick’s Day River Parade will be held March 17 beginning at 1 p.m. The event is free and the public is invited.

### ***Tuskegee Airman, Inc. to sponsor Golf tournament, April 19***

The San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airman, Inc. will sponsor the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “Legends & Heroes Golf Classic” on April 19 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Registration will begin at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Format will be four-person Florida Scramble, using USGA rules. Cost per entry is \$60 and includes green and cart fees, range balls and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the TAI Scholarship Fund. For information or to register, call Oliver Nelson, 658-4733 or Tim Barfield, 652-3285.

### ***San Antonio Herb Society meeting, March 21***

The San Antonio Herb Society meeting will be held on March 21, at 7 p.m. at the San Antonio Garden Center, corner of Funston and North New Braunfels streets. The guest speaker will be Donna Dobbbersuhl, president of the San Antonio Bonsai Society. The meeting is free and open to the public.

### ***Fiesta 2002 Parade seats available now***

Make plans now to attend the Fiesta 2002 Battle of Flowers Parade on April 26. The Cole High School Cougar Band will be marching in this parade. Tickets are also available for the Fiesta Flamebeau (night) Parade on April 28. Seats are \$7 and are located along the 100 block of East Commerce Street between Soledad and St. Mary’s streets. For information call Robyn Meilinger at 281-9178.